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How to Add a Pet to a American Air Lines Flight: Step-by-Step Guide

Everything you need to add a pet to a new or existing American booking — in-cabin, checked baggage, or cargo — with fees, carrier rules, and every step explained.

📞 Call Now: +1--855--716--3282

How to Add a Pet to a American Flight — At a Glance

Adding a pet to a American Air Lines flight — whether to a new booking or an existing reservation — must be done by calling **+1--855--716--3282** Pet reservations cannot be fully processed through United's online booking tools. A American agent will confirm your pet's eligibility, check available pet space on your specific flight, process the pet fee, and update your reservation — all in one call.

📞 +1--855--716--3282 — Add Your Pet to a American Flight Now — Space Is Limited Per Flight

Act fast: United allows a maximum of 4 pets in the cabin per flight. Pet space is available on a first-come, first-served basis and fills quickly — particularly on popular routes and peak travel periods. Call as early as possible to secure your pet's spot.

Travel Option	For	How to Add
In-cabin (under seat)	Small dogs and cats — domestic routes	Call +1--855--716--3282
Checked baggage (hold)	Larger dogs — select domestic routes	Call +1--855--716--3282
PetSafe cargo	Large pets, international routes	Call +1--855--716--3282

📞 Call +1--855--716--3282 — confirm which travel option fits your pet and add them to your American booking.

Before You Call: What to Have Ready

Having the right information ready before you call **+1--855--716--3282** speeds up the process of adding your pet to a American flight. The agent will need your booking details and your pet's specifics to confirm eligibility and space availability.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — have the items below ready for the fastest pet addition to your American booking.**

— **Booking confirmation number —** Your 6-character American record locator from your booking confirmation email.

— **Flight number and travel date —** Your specific American flight number and departure date.

— **Pet type and breed —** Whether your pet is a dog or cat, and the specific breed.

— **Pet's weight —** Your pet's approximate weight alone, plus the estimated weight of the carrier.

— **Carrier dimensions —** The approximate dimensions (length × width × height) of your pet's carrier.

— **Travel route —** Your departure city and destination city — to confirm route eligibility.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 with all details ready — your pet is added to the booking in minutes.**

📞 **+1--855--716--3282 — All Information Ready? Call Now — Pet Space Reserved Immediately**

Step-by-Step: How to Add a Pet to an Existing American Booking

Step 1 — Call United

Call **+1--855--716--3282** and tell the agent you want to add a pet to an existing American booking. Give them your confirmation number and the passenger name on the reservation. The agent will pull up your booking immediately.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — have your confirmation number ready. Your booking is pulled up instantly.**

Step 2 — Confirm Pet Eligibility

The agent at **+1--855--716--3282** will verify that your pet type (dog or cat) and size are eligible for in-cabin travel on your route, and that your flight has available pet space. If your route does not support in-cabin pet travel — for example, on international flights — the agent will explain the available alternatives including checked pet travel or PetSafe cargo options.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — eligibility confirmed for your specific pet, flight, and route in real time.**

Step 3 — Confirm Available Pet Space

United limits in-cabin pets to a maximum of 4 per flight. The agent at **+1--855--716--3282** will check whether space is still available on your specific flight. If space is limited or unavailable on your original flight, the agent can search alternative American departures on your route that still have pet space open.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — if your flight is full, an agent finds the next available flight with open pet space.**

Step 4 — Pay the Pet Fee

Once eligibility and space are confirmed, the agent at **+1--855--716--3282** will process the pet fee for your booking. The fee is charged per carrier, per one-way segment. For round trips, the fee applies in each direction. The agent will confirm the exact total before charging.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — exact pet fee confirmed before any charge is applied.**

Step 5 — Receive Updated Confirmation

After the pet is added and the fee is paid, American will send an updated booking confirmation to your registered email address showing your pet as an added item on the reservation. Save this confirmation — it is your record of the pet reservation and will be referenced at check-in. If the updated confirmation does not arrive within 30 minutes, call **+1--855--716--3282** to have it resent.

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📞 +1--855--716--3282 — Pet Added to Existing American Booking — All 5 Steps in One Call

United In-Cabin Pet Rules: What Your Pet Must Meet

In-cabin pet travel on American has specific requirements your pet and carrier must meet. Call **+1--855--716--3282** to confirm your pet and carrier qualify before travel day — arriving at the airport with a non-compliant carrier may result in your pet being denied boarding.

📞 Call +1--855--716--3282 — confirm your pet and carrier meet all American in-cabin requirements before travel day.

Eligible Pets

— **Dogs —** Domestic dogs of any breed, meeting age and size requirements.

— **Cats —** Domestic cats, meeting age and size requirements.

— **Not eligible —** Birds, rabbits, rodents, reptiles, and all other animals are not permitted in the American cabin.

Age and Health

— **Minimum age —** Your pet must be at least 8 weeks old.

— **Health —** Your pet must appear healthy and fit to travel. American may refuse boarding to a pet that appears ill or in distress.

Carrier Requirements

— **Soft-sided only —** Hard-sided carriers are not permitted in the American cabin. Your carrier must be soft-sided and flexible enough to fit under the seat in front of you.

— **Under-seat fit —** The carrier must fit completely under the seat in front of your assigned seat. Under-seat dimensions vary by aircraft — confirm the exact size for your specific flight when you call.

— **Comfort test —** Your pet must be able to stand up, turn around, and lie down naturally inside the carrier. A pet that cannot do this comfortably may be denied boarding.

— **Ventilation —** The carrier must have adequate ventilation on all sides.

📞 Call +1--855--716--3282 — confirm carrier size requirements for your specific American aircraft type.

In-Cabin Limits

— **Maximum 4 pets per flight —** United allows no more than 4 pets in the cabin per flight across all passengers.

— **One carrier per passenger —** Each ticketed passenger may bring one pet carrier.

— **Two pets per carrier —** Two pets of the same species may share one carrier if they both fit comfortably and the combined weight is within limits.

📞 +1--855--716--3282 — In-Cabin Pet Rules Confirmed — Your Pet Qualifies? Add Them Now

United Pet Fee Breakdown

United charges a pet fee per carrier per one-way segment. The fee varies by travel option — in-cabin, checked baggage, or PetSafe cargo. Call **+1--855--716--3282** to confirm the current fee for your specific route and travel option before the fee is applied.

📞 Call +1--855--716--3282 — confirm the exact pet fee for your American route and travel option before booking.

Travel Option	Fee Structure	When Charged	Refundable?
In-cabin	Per carrier, per segment	At time of adding pet	Generally no
Checked baggage	Per carrier, per segment	At check-in	Generally no
PetSafe cargo	Varies by weight/route	At booking/drop-off	Check at booking

Round trips: If your itinerary is a round trip, the pet fee applies in both directions — one fee per segment. Confirm the total round-trip pet cost with the agent when adding your pet.

📞 +1--855--716--3282 — Exact Pet Fee Quoted Before Any Charge — No Surprises

United Pet Travel: Route Eligibility

Not all American routes allow in-cabin pet travel. Route eligibility depends on the flight's origin, destination, and operating carrier. Call **+1--855--716--3282** to confirm pet travel eligibility for your specific route before booking.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — confirm pet travel eligibility for your specific American route.**

In-Cabin — Eligible Routes

— **Domestic US —** Most domestic American-operated flights within the contiguous American States, Alaska, and Hawaii.

— **Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands —** Generally permitted on American-operated routes.

— **Canada —** Select American-operated routes to Canada may be eligible — confirm when calling.

In-Cabin — Not Eligible

— **International flights —** United does not permit in-cabin pets on most international routes. Pets on international flights typically travel via PetSafe cargo.

— **Partner carrier flights —** Regional and partner carrier flights under different flight number codes may have different or no pet policies.

— **Hawaii —** Hawaii has strict agricultural import rules — confirm specific Hawaii pet travel requirements with the agent.

📞 **Domestic pet travel**	**International pet — call +1--855--716--3282 for PetSafe**

📞 **+1--855--716--3282 — Route Eligibility Confirmed Before Booking — No Airport Surprises**

Adding a Pet When Booking a New American Flight

If you are booking a new American flight and want to add your pet at the same time, calling **+1--855--716--3282** handles both the flight booking and pet addition in a single call. This is the most efficient approach — the agent searches flights with available pet space on your route, books your seat, and adds the pet to the reservation simultaneously.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — book a new American flight and add your pet in one call.**

— **Tell the agent upfront —** Call +1--855--716--3282 and immediately tell the agent you want to travel with a pet in the cabin. This allows them to filter available flights to those with open pet space.

— **Flight selection —** The agent will show you available American flights on your route that have pet space remaining and your preferred travel dates.

— **Simultaneous booking —** Your seat and your pet's space are secured in the same transaction — no need to call back separately.

— **Fee processed at booking —** The pet fee is collected at the time of booking, not at check-in, for in-cabin travel.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — new American booking + pet addition completed in one call.**

📞 **+1--855--716--3282 — New Booking + Pet Added Simultaneously — Fastest Path**

Frequently Asked Questions: Adding a Pet to a American Flight

Can I add a pet to an existing American booking online?

United's online tools do not fully support adding a pet to an existing reservation for most routes. The most reliable method is to call **+1--855--716--3282** directly. An agent will add your pet to the existing booking, confirm space availability, and process the pet fee in one call — something the online tools often cannot complete end-to-end.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — add a pet to your existing American booking directly with an agent.**

How much does it cost to add a pet to a American flight?

United's in-cabin pet fee is charged per carrier per one-way segment. The exact fee may vary by route — call **+1--855--716--3282** to confirm the current fee for your specific flight before the charge is applied. For round trips, a pet fee applies in each direction.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — confirm the exact pet fee for your American route before any charge.**

What if pet space is no longer available on my American flight?

If in-cabin pet space is full on your original American flight, a American agent at **+1--855--716--3282** can search for alternative American departures on your route that still have

available pet space. If no same-day option exists with pet space, the agent will discuss alternatives including checked pet travel on eligible routes.

📞 Call +1--855--716--3282 — if your flight is full, an agent searches alternatives with available pet space.

Can I add a pet to a American Basic Economy booking?

In-cabin pet travel is generally available on American Basic Economy tickets — the pet policy is not restricted by fare class. The pet fee applies regardless of fare class. Call **+1--855--716--3282** to add your pet to a Basic Economy American booking and confirm current policy for your specific route.

📞 Call +1--855--716--3282 — confirm in-cabin pet eligibility for your American Basic Economy booking.

Does my pet carrier count as my carry-on or personal item?

On United, your in-cabin pet carrier counts as your personal item — the smaller bag that goes under the seat. You are still allowed one standard carry-on bag in the overhead bin. However, on Basic Economy tickets — which restrict carry-on bags to personal items only — your pet carrier serving as the personal item means you cannot also bring a standard carry-on. Call **+1--855--716--3282** to confirm your specific baggage allowance when flying with a pet.

📞 Call +1--855--716--3282 — confirm baggage allowances for your fare class when adding a pet to a American flight.

What happens if I need to cancel a American flight after adding a pet?

If you cancel your American flight after adding a pet, the standard cancellation rules for your fare class apply to the airfare. The pet fee is generally non-refundable. Call **+1--855--716--3282** to confirm the exact refund and cancellation terms for both your ticket and the pet fee before canceling.

📞 Call +1--855--716--3282 — confirm cancellation terms for both your ticket and pet fee before canceling.

📞 +1--855--716--3282 — All American Pet Addition Questions Answered — Direct Agent

Travel Day: What to Expect When Flying American With Your Pet

On your travel day, a few key procedures apply when flying with a pet on United. Call **+1--855--716--3282** before your travel date if you have any questions about airport or boarding procedures.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — get answers to any pet travel day questions before your American departure.**

— **Arrive early —** Allow extra time at check-in. Counter agents verify your pet reservation and carrier compliance.

— **Soft-sided carrier only —** Hard-sided carriers are not permitted in the cabin. Arrive with an approved softsided carrier.

— **Security —** Remove your pet from the carrier to pass through security. Carry your pet through the metal detector while the carrier goes through the X-ray. A secure harness or leash is strongly recommended.

— **Under the seat —** Your pet's carrier goes under the seat in front of you — not overhead. It must remain there throughout the flight.

— **Pet stays in carrier —** Your pet must remain inside the carrier at all times during the flight. Removing your pet mid-flight is not permitted.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — confirm travel day procedures and seat placement for your American pet flight.**

📞 **+1--855--716--3282 — Pet Added, Procedures Confirmed — Ready for Travel Day**

Summary: How to Add a Pet to a American Air Lines Flight

Adding a pet to a American Air Lines flight — new or existing booking — requires calling **+1--855--716--3282** Pet space is limited to 4 per flight and fills quickly. The earlier you call, the better your chances of securing a spot for your pet on your preferred flight.

📞 **Call +1--855--716--3282 — add your pet to a American flight now. Space is limited.**

— **Eligible pets —** Small dogs and cats, 8 weeks or older, in an approved soft-sided under-seat carrier.

— **Routes —** Most domestic US American-operated flights. Generally not on international routes.

— **Limit —** Maximum 4 pets per flight in the cabin. First-come, first-served.

— **Fee —** Per carrier, per segment. Call +1--855--716--3282 for current fee.

— **New booking —** Call +1--855--716--3282 — book flight and add pet simultaneously.

— **Existing booking —** Call +1--855--716--3282 — add pet to existing reservation directly with an agent.

— **Travel day —** Soft carrier. Pet stays in carrier. Under seat only. Arrive early.

📞 **+1--855--716--3282 — Add Your Pet to a American Flight Now — Limited Space Per Flight**

Eligibility confirmed · Space reserved · Fee processed · New or existing booking · One call

Add Your Pet to a American Flight Right Now

+1--855--716--3282

Space reserved · Fee confirmed · Carrier rules verified · New or existing booking · One call

✔ In-cabin or checked · All routes verified · Limited space — act fast · Direct agent✔ ✔ ✔

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